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INCOME TAX LAW
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to rectify the infrastructural weaknesses of Income Tax and Excise Departments to motivate recovery of taxes;

(b) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether the Government thinks of lacunae in the existing Income Tax and other taxes laws; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to remove the bottlenecks in the existing laws?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Improving the infrastructure of the Income Tax and Central Excise Departments is one of the measures undertaken by the Government for enhancing the collection of tax revenues. The steps taken in this regard include restructuring of the administrative set up of the field offices, strengthening the field offices through provision of additional vehicles, office space, equipment etc., extensive computerization of operations, simplification of the rules and procedures, and training of officers and staff.

(c) & (d): Review of laws is a continuous process and amendments are made therein from time to time, especially at the time of the annual budget exercise, in order to remove the bottlenecks with the aim to enhance collections, improve voluntary compliance and widen the tax base.